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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002 for two(2) month(s) from March 18, 2003 to May 18, 2003. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/HRT0293/BST in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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